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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2) TO ACCEPT AN
UNINTENTIONAL DELAYED CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. §120
FOR THE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR FILED APPLICATION**

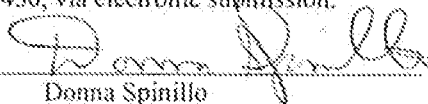
Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for the benefit of earlier filed U.S. application Serial No. 09/369,366 ("the '366 application") which was filed August 6, 1999 and claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/141,171. The entire delay between the date the claim for priority was due and the date this claim for priority was filed was unintentional. Submitted with this petition is a Request For Certificate of Correction and the Certificate of Correction including the reference to the '366 application required under 35 U.S.C. §120.

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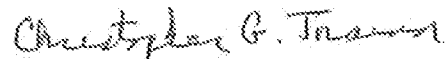
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